

Allen in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,504,084 to Jauch. Applicant believes these rejections to now be moot in view of the present Amendment.

Examiner has objected to claims 4, 9, 13, 15, and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 4 to be independent and to include all of the limitations of independent claim 1, its base claim. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Applicant has amended claim 9 to be independent and to include all of the limitations of independent claim 8, its base claim. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Applicant has amended claim 13 to be independent and to include all of the limitations of independent claim 12, its base claim. Claim 12 has been cancelled. Applicant has added new independent claim 35 that includes all of the limitations of now cancelled claim 15 and its base claim 12. Applicant has also added new independent claim 38 that includes all of the limitations of now cancelled claim 16 and its base claim 12. Dependent claims 3, 5, and 6 are now dependent upon believed allowable claim 3; dependent claim 10 is now dependent upon a believed allowable claim 9; dependent claim 14 is now dependent upon a believed allowable claim 13.

Examiner has stated that claims 18-20 and claims 23-34 are allowed.

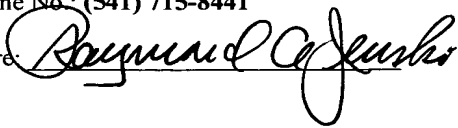
Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant believes the present Application for patent to now be suitable for allowance. Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objections and rejections of the present application and pass the amended application to allowance.


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